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COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES

Transition Doctor of Physical Therapy

HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

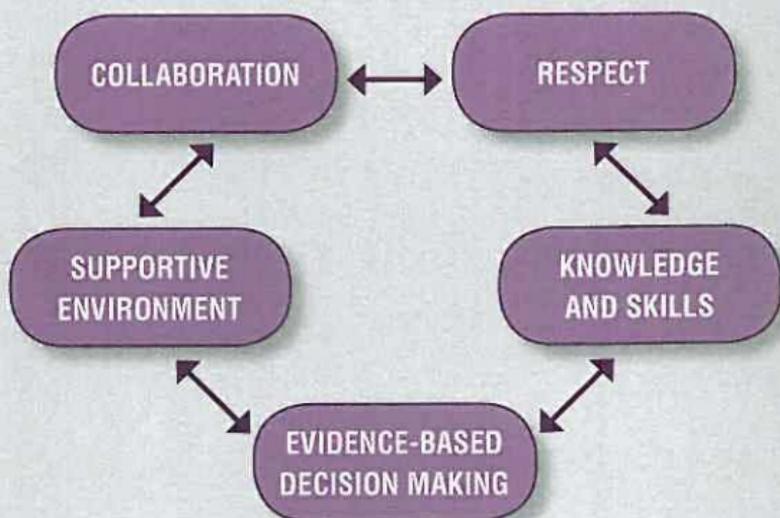
NSU's Transition Doctor of Physical Therapy (T-D.P.T.) degree is designed for working professionals and allows a flexible progression through the program. As a hybrid program, it is offered in a primarily online format, with a two-day, on-campus session for most core courses. The number of credits required for a student to complete the program will vary depending on the degree he or she has upon entering the program (e.g., B.S., M.S., Ph.D., or Ed.D.).

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

Advance the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of existing physical therapists to those commensurate with the entry-level physical therapy clinical doctorate by preparing physical therapists to practice autonomously and in a direct-access environment.

CORE COURSES

- Professional Roles of the D.P.T.
- Pharmacology and Radiology
- Introduction to Clinical Reasoning
- Patient/Client Management
- Contemporary Theories of Movement, Exercise, and Motor Learning
- Advanced Differential Diagnosis
- Evidence-Based Practice





WHY NSU?

At NSU, the D.P.T. is more than a title; it is a way of thinking and practicing. Our T-D.P.T. program is designed for practicing therapists who want to combine clinical experience with updated skills to improve their practice today while preparing for tomorrow's health care.

Contact us for further information if you are a physical therapist seeking

- a flexible and supportive learning environment that incorporates real-life experience with case studies, online discussions, and on-campus sessions
- preparation for autonomous practice and leadership in the field
- respect and admiration from colleagues who recognize a new set of skills, not just initials
- relevant learning—all classwork relates to PT practice
- a program rated “well worth the cost” by graduates
- a holistic, evidence-based perspective as a foundation to clinical decision making

Here is what some of our graduates have to say.

“The T-D.P.T. from NSU has been of tremendous benefit to me. I am now able to ask more appropriate clinical questions, find and critique the available literature more readily, and utilize that information to make informed decisions, hence improving my efficiency.”

“The combination distance/online format with mid-term on-site classes offers a student the independence of self-directed learning, accountability, and peer interaction that is missing in other degree programs that offer only one or the other.”

“The faculty was nurturing, supporting, and always encouraging, and the program fostered a team approach that carries over into the clinic when working with other professionals.”

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



- five core courses for a student entering with a Ph.D. or Ed.D. degree
- seven core courses for a student entering with an M.S. degree
- seven core courses and six electives for a student entering with a B.S. degree
- Manual Therapy Certification track
- multiple patient/client management options, including musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, pediatrics, women's health, geriatrics, and practice management
- continuing education credits for on-campus sessions
- 15 percent tuition discount for APTA members
- tuition vouchers for NSU ELDPT clinical instructors
- nondegree-seeking option for students wanting to "try it out"

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ADMISSIONS AND APPLICATION

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be a graduate of a CAPTE-accredited physical therapy program.*
- Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 75 percent OR a GRE score above 500 (145 on the revised scale) on verbal and quantitative sections.
- Foreign graduates are eligible after determination of U.S. program equivalency by an approved credentialing agency and passage of the TOEFL exam.

*Applicants do not need to hold a U.S. license.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants must submit

- an application
- official transcripts
- three letters of recommendation

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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